

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5337

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOT to implement complete streets policy that considers individuals diagnosed with autism.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Department of Transportation's  
2 implementation of a complete streets policy and supplementing  
3 Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Department of Transportation shall implement a  
9 complete streets policy to plan, design, construct, maintain, and  
10 operate new and rehabilitated public highways and public  
11 transportation projects, as those terms are defined pursuant to  
12 section 3 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3), to provide safe access for  
13 all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, individuals  
14 with mobility impairments, and individuals diagnosed with autism  
15 spectrum disorder. The complete streets policy shall require the  
16 consideration and implementation of design elements and  
17 infrastructure improvement projects that promote the ability of  
18 individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to travel  
19 independently.

20 b. The department shall develop universal design concepts that  
21 advance the mobility options for individuals with developmental  
22 disabilities, including individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum  
23 disorder, within the complete streets policy established pursuant to  
24 subsection a. of this section. The department shall develop  
25 guidance and policies for the means by which the universal design  
26 concepts shall be incorporated into the planning, design,  
27 construction, maintenance, and operation of new and rehabilitated  
28 public highways and public transportation projects, as those terms  
29 are defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3).

30 c. The department shall encourage regional and local entities  
31 that apply for funding through the local aid program, pursuant to  
32 section 25 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-25), to adopt a complete  
33 streets policy that complies with the provisions of this section.

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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires the Department of Transportation (department)  
41 to implement a complete streets policy to plan, design, construct,  
42 maintain, and operate new and rehabilitated public highways and  
43 public transportation projects to provide safe access for all users,  
44 including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, individuals with  
45 mobility impairments, and individuals diagnosed with autism  
46 spectrum disorder. The complete streets policy is to require the  
47 consideration and implementation of design elements and  
48 infrastructure improvement projects that promote the ability of

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1 individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to travel  
2 independently.

3 The bill also requires the department, as part of the complete  
4 streets policy, to develop universal design concepts that advance the  
5 mobility options for individuals with developmental disabilities,  
6 including individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.  
7 The department is to develop guidance and policies for the means  
8 by which the universal design concepts are to be incorporated into  
9 the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of  
10 new and rehabilitated public highways and public transportation  
11 projects.

12 The department is required to encourage regional and local  
13 entities that apply for funding through the local aid program to  
14 adopt a complete streets policy.